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The Dodge County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the motoring public to be alert on the highways and drive defensively. There are individuals on the highways who choose to drive under the influence of intoxicants and drive recklessly at all times of the day. The sheriff's office of course encourages those individuals who do decide to enjoy an adult beverage to drink responsibly. Call for a taxi or designate a driver before going out for the night. One driver who chose to drink and drive suffered the consequences of that choice on Christmas Eve.

On 12/24/15 at 6:38 pm, Deputy Don Counard was monitoring traffic on County Highway P south of State Highway 33. He saw a car traveling north at 109 mph. A car in front of the speeding car had to pull on to the gravel to get out of its way. The deputy stopped the car at the intersection of HWY P and HWY 33. The driver was identified as a 34 year old female from Waukesha. The deputy could smell a strong odor of intoxicants, observed the driver to have glassy and bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. The driver refused to identify herself for over 30 minutes and believed she was still in Waukesha. The driver was uncooperative and was arrested for 1st offense operating under the influence of an intoxicant (OWI). She eventually tried to escape from the back of the squad but of course was unsuccessful in her attempts. She was taken to the Dodge County Detention Facility where she was booked in on charges of OWI, speeding 109/55 and resisting/obstructing an officer.

This individual put the lives of all our families at risk and was fortunate that she did not crash or kill someone. The sheriff's office would like to remind everyone that it doesn't matter what time of day you are on the roads, it is always important to watch out for impaired drivers. Again, drive defensively and always report suspected impaired drivers to law enforcement.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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